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SUBJECT: CGT COMMENTS PUBLICLY ON PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENT

1. ON MAY 28, THE CGT (CONFEDERATION GENERALE DU TRAVAIL) WHICH IS THE SOCIALIST-LED UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION COVERING A LARGE MAJORITY OF LUXEMBOURG'S INDUSTRIAL WORK FORCE, MADE KNOWN ITS POSITION ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL IN A WRITTEN MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER THORN. THE CGT MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE CLEARLY EXPRESSED THEIR OVERWHELMING PREFERENCE FOR A SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL OPTION ON APRIL 25, 1975. THE MFA AND PORTUGUESE POLITICAL PARTIES SHOULD DRAW THE OBVIOUS LESSON FROM THIS VOTE IN THE POLICIES THEY FOLLOW AND IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. THE PORTUGUESE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY SHOULD ALSO GUARANTY THAT THE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL CHOICE WILL BE EXPRESSED IN THE TEXT OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND THE PORTUGUESE WORKERS SHOULD HAVE A LABOR UNION THAT TRULY MEETS THEIR NEEDS. THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC ILLS STEM FROM THE WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS, THE HERITAGE OF MISMANAGEMENT FROM THE OLD REGIME, AND FROM INTERNATIONAL BUSINESSES THAT ARE LIMITING CREDITS AND INVESTMENT IN PORTUGAL. THE EC COMMISSION HAS DRAWN UP A PROGRAM FOR EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AID TO

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PORTUGAL. THIS PLAN IS SUPPORTED BY ETUC, AND SHOULD ALSO

BE ENDORSED BY THE EFTA COUNTRIES AND THE MEMBERS OF
THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

2. FULL TEXT OF CGT COMMUNIQUE BEING POUCHED BY
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